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Letzling Heath Troop Training Grounds

Status of June 1955

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1. Occupation:

a. Permanent occupation: elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div in the Hillersleben barracks installations

b. Temporary occupation during the training period: the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps with 207th Mtz Rifle Div and 19th Gds Mecz Div; 18th Mecz Div, army troops of the Third Shock Army; IX Mtz Rifle Corps and, occasionally, small tank units of various armies.

2. Unloading stations: Neuhaldensleben, Wolmirstedt, Colbitz and Jaevenitz.

3. Quarters and installations: Total capacity estimated at 45,000 to 50,000 men. Information on quartering areas is incomplete.

Legend to map:

1 Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz
2a Barracks installations south of Staats
2b Waldlager south of Boergitz, camp of low wooden buildings, also referred to as Camp Uchtspringe
2c Tank and artillery training site
3 Cantonment about 4 km south of Jaevenitz at the Zienau road barrier
4 Clearing near the Zienau road barrier
5 Ammunition depot south of Jaevenitz
6 Tank firing range
7 Firing range for light infantry weapons
8 Waldlager I near Born, in the west section tank parking lots
9 Waldlager III near Born
10 Equipment and ammunition depot, surrounded by a fence and guarded
10a Motor vehicle parking lots of the Born camps
11 Waldlager IV, so-called Magdeburger Lager, camp of small detached buildings and cantonment buildings
11a Tank and truck parking lot
12 Fuel depot Born
13 Waldlager II south of Huetten, also called Camp Planken
13a Firing range komendatura
14 Former ration supply depot at Huetten, vacant

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15 Officer billets, offices and culture rooms in Forstamt Planken

16 Headquarters billets and large kitchen in the Planken quartering area

17 Firing range for light infantry weapons

18 Clearing, leveled as far as to the road

19 Tank driving area

20 Barracks installation at the western exit of Hillersleben

21 Barracks installation at the northeastern exit of Hillersleben

22 Temporary engineer training site at Polvitz

23 Quartering area for an artillery unit (occupied only in summer)

24 Target area with about 40 observation and target bunkers

25 Two radio stations, each with 4 radio masts, north of Waldlager II near Huetten

26 Artillery target area

27 Waldlager I near Colbitz

28 Waldlager II near Colbitz

29 Hillersleben-Salchau firing range

30 Clearing - firing range, west section for infantry, east section for tanks; 1 observation tower in the south section

31 Clearing - firing range for infantry weapons

32 Observation tower, approximately 20 meters high

33 Clearing - tank driving area

33a Fenced-in area with 1 low wooden building and 2 small houses; permanently guarded

34 Engineer training site near Foersterei Eisengrund

35 Presumably microwave radio station with steel tower, about 35 meters high

4. Borders: see entries on map. The borders are believed to indicate the area used for exercises with live ammunition. Field exercises were frequently conducted in the adjoining area, predominantly in the east section of Letzling Heath as far as the Elbe River.

5. Guard and security: All main approach roads to the training area are blocked by road barriers. Intensive guard and patrol duty is performed at Soviet quarters. Large camps are occupied by guard details also in winter.

6. Camps temporarily occupied during the training period:

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18th Mecz Div : Waldlager II(Huetten) (13) 50X1
Waldlager III (Born) (9), possibly
19th Gds Mecz Div: Waldlager I and III (Born)(8 and 9)

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207th Mtz Rifle Div: Waldlager southeast Jaevenitz(1)
kaserne south Staats (2a)
Waldlager south Boergitz (2b) 50X1

Hq units Third Shock Army: Waldlager I (Born) (8).

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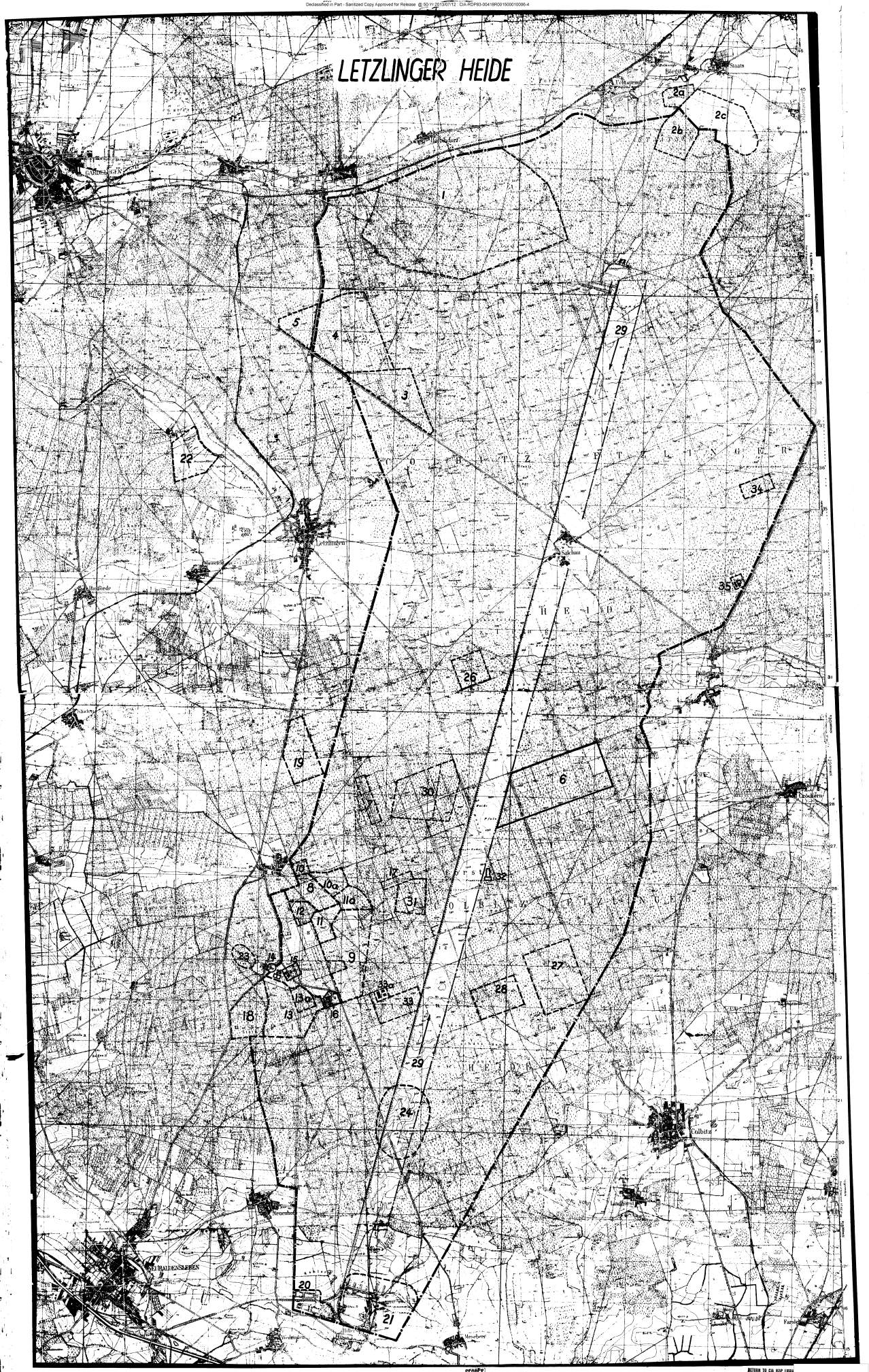

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